

House Study Bill 509 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the disclosure of disease information
- 2 reported to a public health department.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 16, Code Supplement
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 16. Information in a report to the Iowa department of
4 public health, to a local board of health, or to a local health
5 department, which specifically identifies a person infected
6 with a reportable disease. However, this subsection shall
7 not be construed to prevent the disclosure of the county of
8 residence, health condition, sex, and approximate age of a
9 person infected with a reportable disease.

10 Sec. 2. Section 139A.3, subsection 2, paragraphs b and c,
11 Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:

12 b. A report or other information provided to or maintained
13 by the department, a local board, or a local department,
14 which specifically identifies a person infected with or
15 exposed to a reportable or other disease or health condition,
16 is confidential and shall not be accessible to the public.
17 However, this paragraph shall not be construed to prevent the
18 disclosure of the county of residence, health condition, sex,
19 and approximate age of a person infected with or exposed to a
20 reportable or other disease or health condition.

21 c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", information contained
22 in the report, including the county of residence, health
23 condition, sex, and approximate age of a person infected
24 with or exposed to a reportable or other disease or health
25 condition, may be reported in public health records in a manner
26 which prevents the identification of any person or business
27 named in the report. If information contained in the report
28 concerns a business, information disclosing the identity of
29 the business may be released to the public when the state
30 epidemiologist or the director of public health determines such
31 a release of information necessary for the protection of the
32 health of the public.

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EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides for the disclosure of information
35 included in reports to the department of public health, local

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1 boards of health, or local departments of health relating to
2 reportable or other diseases or health conditions which does
3 not specifically identify the individual. Such information
4 may include the county of residence, health condition, sex,
5 and approximate age of a person infected with or exposed to a
6 reportable or other disease or health condition.